CLAIMS

1. Method for the management of subscriber functions, said method being used to manage subscriber functions in a telecommunication network (1), said subscriber functions being stored in records (2), c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that

- subscriber functions consistent with default function sets are stored in default records $(2^{00}, 2^{01}, \ldots, 2^{0N})$;

- the subscriber functions for each default subscriber are read from the default record $(2^{00}, 2^{01}, \ldots, 2^{0N})$ concerned;

- the subscriber functions for each special subscriber are stored in a subscriber-specific record $(2^{1}, 2^{2}, \ldots, 2^{N})$ for the subscriber concerned; and

- the subscriber functions for each special subscriber are read from the subscriber-specific record $(2^{1}, 2^{2}, \ldots, 2^{N})$ for the subscriber concerned.

2. Method as defined in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that data indicating whether the subscriber is a default subscriber or a special subscriber is provided in conjunction with the telephone number of the subscriber.

3. Method as defined in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that

- when changes are made in the subscriber functions for a special subscriber, a check is performed to establish whether the changed functions correspond to any one of the default function sets; and

- if the changed functions correspond to one of the default function sets, then the special subscriber concerned is redefined as a default subscriber.

4. Method as defined in ~~any one of the prece-~~ ~~ding~~ claims 1 ~~- 3~~, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the subscriber functions for a special subscriber are not stored in a subscriber-specific record $(2^{1}, 2^{2}, \ldots, 2^{N})$ until one of said functions is activated for use.

5. Method as defined in ~~any one of the prece-ding~~ claims 1 ~~- 4~~, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the default definitions are subscriber type-specific.

6. System for the management of subscriber functions, said system comprising a telecommunication network (1), the subscriber functions for subscribers in said telecommunication network being managed, and said system further comprising a number of records (2) in which said subscriber functions are stored, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that

- the system comprises one or more default records $(2^{00}, 2^{01}, ..., 2^{0N})$, in which subscriber functions consistent with default function sets are stored and from which the subscriber functions for default subscribers are read;

- the system comprises one or more subscriber-specific records $(2^1, 2^2, ..., 2^N)$, in which the subscriber functions for each special subscriber are stored and from which they are read.

7. System as defined in claim 6, c h a - r a c t e r i s e d in that the system comprises means (1) by which data indicating whether the subscriber is a default subscriber or a special subscriber is provided in conjunction with the subscriber number.

8. System as defined in claim 6 ~~or 7~~, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that system comprises means (1) by which, when the subscriber functions for a special subscriber are changed, a check is performed to establish whether said changed functions correspond to any one of the default function sets and by which a special subscriber is redefined as a default subscriber if the changed functions correspond to one of the default function sets.

9. Method as defined in ~~any one of the prece-ding~~ claims 6 - ~~8~~, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the subscriber functions for a special subscriber are not stored in a subscriber-specific record $(2^1, 2^2, ..., 2^N)$

until one of the functions in question is activated for use.

10. System as defined in ~~any one of the pre-ceding~~ claims 6 - 9, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that
5 the default definitions are subscriber type-specific.